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**Board of Health and Welfare Holds
Quarterly Meeting in Boise November 16 and 17**

The Idaho Board of Health and Welfare will meet in Boise next Thursday and Friday, November 16 and 17th, to review new department rules and rule changes that will be presented to the Legislature in 2007. The Board will meet in the 10th floor conference room of the Pete T. Cenarrusa Building, 450 West State Street. Thursday's meeting will include a work session beginning at 8 a.m., with the official meeting starting at 11 a.m. Friday's meeting begins at 8 a.m.

Along with the review of rules, on Thursday the Board will consider the confirmations of three new regional directors and the recently appointed administrator for Idaho State School and Hospital in Nampa, Susan Broetje. The new Regional Directors include:

- Karen Cotton, Region 1, serving Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Bonner, and Boundary counties;
- Tanya McElfresh, Region 2, serving Latah, Lewis, Clearwater, Idaho and Nez Perce counties; and
- Heather Wheeler, Region 4, serving Ada, Elmore, Boise and Valley counties.

On Friday afternoon, the Board also will be presented a request by Steve Millard, President of the Idaho Hospital Association, asking for a moratorium on the development or construction of new inpatient hospital beds.

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